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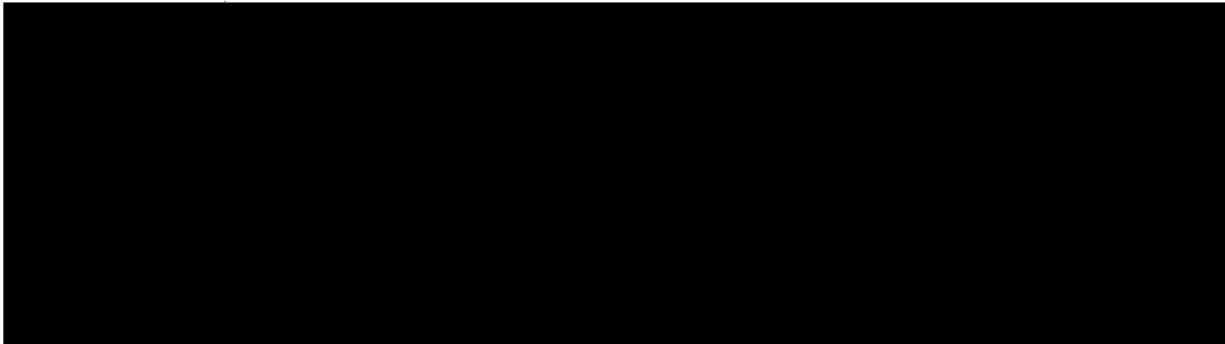
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1. Dissident elements may have infiltrated the Union Maritima which was awarded a contract to unload military aid supplies from the US in Manila.* The supplies to be unloaded are for the Armed Forces Philippines (AFP).
2. The contract requires that a total of 1,200 laborers be available for the job. Since the Union Maritima has a total labor force of not more than 300 men, it was obliged to secure laborers from available sources. Thus it is possible for dissidents to gain access to the Manila piers.**

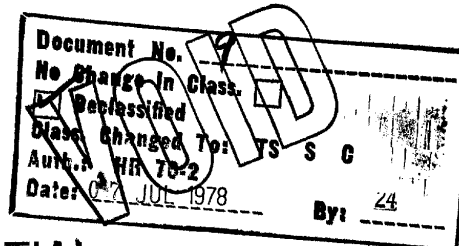
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The contract referred to may be the one awarded to the Delgado Brothers, a small stevedoring firm, by the US Army in which a clause, disputed by the Union de Obreros Estivadores Filipinas (UOEF), provides for direct payment to workers instead of through labor leaders of the stevedoring union.

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While it may be true that Communists will infiltrate a union at any opportunity, but particularly a union of stevedores unloading military equipment, this claim may have been planted by interests wishing to discredit the Union Maritima. If this pay procedure becomes general, it will end the system by which union leaders long have been taking a sizeable cut from the wages of Philippine stevedores. The leaders of the established unions have a strong incentive to discredit this new development.

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